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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to a first office action on the merits of this application, please amend the published PCT application as follows:

In the Specification:

page 1, line 1

Please delete the word "DESCRIPTION" and insert instead

-- SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITOR -

page 1, line 3

Please delete "SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITOR" and

insert instead the following:

- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS